GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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GEO-THERMAL ENERGY
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the world Bank provides assistance for promoting the development of geo-thermal energy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any organized programme for the generation and utilization of geo- thermal energy in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any Geo-thermal Energy Generation Institute is functioning in the country at present; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a)&(b): The World Bank has not provided any support for the development of geothermal energy to India.

(c)&(d): As per the Allocation of Business Rules, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy has been assigned the subject of geothermal energy. An amount of Rs. 1.00 crore has been provided in the BE for 2007-08 for the geothermal energy programme.

(e)&(f): No separate Geothermal Energy Generation Institute is functioning in the country. However, National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI), Hyderabad has been under a sponsored project of the Ministry carrying Studies to assess geothermal energy potential at selected sites in the country.